

CONGRESSMAN

TED LIEU

ANIMAL WELFARE

In Congress, Representative Lieu has been a fervent supporter of animal welfare legislation, having championed bills on everything from banning trophy hunting to ending dog testing at the VA to encouraging pet microchipping. He is a proud member of the Animal Protection Caucus.

STOPPING TROPHY HUNTING AND IMPORTING OF ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Congressman Lieu has led numerous initiatives to combat wildlife trafficking in Congress. He introduced the [Bear Protection Act](#), bipartisan legislation that seeks to prohibit the import, export, possession, transport and sale of bear organs. Similarly, his Shark Sales Elimination Act would prohibit the sale, purchase, and possession of any shark part or product containing any shark part in the United States.

He also joined Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and Congressman Peter King in introducing the [Prohibiting Threatened and Endangered Creature Trophies \(ProTECT\) Act](#), which would prohibit taking endangered or threatened species into the United States as a trophy and the importation of any such trophy into the United States. Every year since taking office, Congressman Lieu sends a letter to the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee urging robust funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement, which is responsible for investigating wildlife trafficking crimes. He is also a strong proponent of the [Wildlife Detector Dog Program](#).

PROTECTING ANIMALS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT

As a champion for the environment, Congressman Lieu has fought for legislation addressing a number of concerns with how human practices have impacted natural wildlife. For example, lead has been widely recognized as a form of toxin for a long time. Many animal species are poisoned to death after accidental injection of lead left on the ground or in the water. Congressman Lieu's [Lead Endangers Animals Daily \(LEAD\) Act](#) would prohibit the use of lead ammunition on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service land, which could prevent lead poisoning. In Congressman Lieu's district, he has championed the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing, a proposed wildlife overpass spanning Agoura Road and Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101) in Agoura Hills. Los Angeles is notoriously known for its horrible traffic, and mountain lions living in America are gradually facing extinction—some are even being killed while attempting to cross the U.S. 101. Congressman Lieu was a proud cosponsor of legislation in the 116th Congress that would authorize a National Wildlife Corridors Program.

In the ocean, drift gillnet fishing is an unsustainable, unnecessary method of catching swordfish and sharks. Congressman Lieu's [Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act](#) would phase out the use of large mesh drift gillnets off the coast of California and set a path toward more sustainable fishing.

ON FIGHTING ANIMAL ABUSE

Representative Lieu has led the effort to end the most painful and cruel dog experiments at the VA. In 2017, the West Los Angeles VA announced that it would discontinue its canine research program. The 2019 appropriations bill prohibited the Secretary of the VA from using funds to conduct experiments using canines. Additionally, Congressman Lieu, along with other lawmakers, sent a letter to the U.S. Coast Guard in 2017 expressing support for the suspension of Live Tissue Training (LTT). LTT involves intentional wounding of live animals for military medical instruction. The Coast Guard ultimately ended the use of LTT. In 2019, Representative Lieu led a letter to the Department of Justice expressing concern about its LTT program.